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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, said period of response being extended from March 18, 2003 to June 18, 2003.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$930.00 is to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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